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Re: Andries VAN ES et al.  
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**"USE OF RECOMBINANT OR SYNTHETIC GELATIN-LIKE PROTEINS AS STABILISER IN LYOPHILIZED PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS"**

Sir:

The following documents are filed herewith:

- Request for Continued Examination;
- Amendment After Final; and
- Petition for Extension of Time (3 months).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 080570**.

The applicants hereby petition under 37 CFR 1.136 or other applicable rule to have the response period extended the number of months necessary to render the attached communication timely if a petition is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being transmitted via the Office electronic filing system in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.6(a)(4),

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